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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 5 please insert the following:

## CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial Number 08/928,720 filed September 11, 1997.  $\sim$ 

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 32, line 1 change "trangenic" to --transgenic--

Claim 33, line 1 change "33" to --32--

Claim 34, line 1 change "33 or 34" to --32 or 33--

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